

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Southwest Ranches, Florida

Thursday 7:00 PM

August 22, 2019

13400 Griffin Road

Present:

Mayor Doug McKay

Andrew Berns, Town Administrator

Vice Mayor Gary Jablonski

Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Council Member Bob Hartmann

Martin D. Sherwood, Town Financial Administrator

Council Member Denise Schroeder

Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney

Regular Meeting of the Town Council of Southwest Ranches was held at 13400 Griffin Road in the Southwest Ranches Council Chambers. The meeting, having been properly noticed, was called to order by Mayor McKay at 7:06 PM. Attendance was noted by roll call and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following motion was made by Council Member Schroeder, seconded by Vice Mayor Jablonski, and passed by a 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Hartmann, Schroeder, Vice Mayor Jablonski, and Mayor McKay voting Yes.

MOTION: TO EXCUSE THE ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBER FISIKELLI

3. Public Comment

The following members of the public addressed the Town Council: Christine Johnson, Manny Iribar, Bill Brice, Steve Breitreuz, Gay Chaples, David Kuczenski, Fred Cox, Kathy Cox, Jim Laskey, and David Sears.

4. Board Reports

Gay Chaples, Chair of the Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board reported that the Board discussed options for the chain link fencing at Country Estates Park. Fencing along the western boundary of the park along SW 190th Avenue from Griffin Road to the South end of the property was discussed and the Board indicated their preference for PVC fencing over chain link fencing. Some of the attendees asked that tenting over the playground areas be provided. Another request made was to have a contest on the entrance way to the park with a "Fishing Hole" theme. The last suggestion made was to have volunteers assist with the removal of invasive exotics in small sections at a time at the direction and supervision of the Town's PROS Manager.

Steve Breitreuz, Chair of the Comprehensive Planning Board announced that the board had completed its mission on the Nursery Ordinance and voted unanimously on the version they have advanced to the Town Council for consideration. The Board had also begun working on the land use categories for the US 27 Employment Center district and was hopeful that it would complete their review at the next scheduled meeting.

George Morris, Chair of the Drainage and Infrastructure Advisory Board, advised that the Board worked on the Green Meadows Drainage project and has also discussed the pros and cons of performing a drainage study of the western portion of Town.

5. Council Member Comments

Vice Mayor Jablonski advised that 63 entries were received for the Town Photo Calendar and announced the winners that would represent each month. He advised that the Hawkes Bluff Food Truck Event would be held on August 23rd. Bingo at the Barn was announced for August 24th at 6 pm. He further advised that the Town Hall was closed for Labor Day on September 2nd and on September 14th the Household Hazardous Waste and Shred A Thon event would take place at Rolling Oaks Barn. He also advised that the Broward County Property Appraiser outreach would take place on September 16th and the DMV FLOW program would be held on September 21st. He also advised that the 1st and 2nd budget hearings would be held on September 12th and September 26th. Lastly, he addressed comments made during Public Comments about the tax burdens of staff members in various cities that they live in. Vice Mayor Jablonski wanted to clarify that those cities subsidize the costs of fire protection service through the general fund which the Town does not. He also wished to clarify comments made by legal counsel for a plaintiff in a case against the Town regarding the fire assessment and the Special Meeting held on Tuesday August 20th. He stated that for the record, he never intended to include this plaintiff in the group of barns that would be given relief with the new methodology for the assessment of the fire assessment.

Council Member Hartmann spoke of his request of Sely Cochrane from the Broward League of Cities (BLOC) to assemble fire assessment methodology reports from the various cities for review. BLOC indicated that the request needs to come from the Town's Delegate. He asked Mayor McKay, the Town's Delegate, to make that request. He clarified that his intention at the Special Meeting was to use the same methodology used last year. He spoke about the Annual Florida League of Cities Conference that he attended and the topics discussed such as the U.S. Census and Cyber Security.

Council Member Schroeder advised that the Broward County MPO has proposed a change that would provide an additional four votes to the Broward County Commission. She asked the Town Council for support in drafting a letter of opposition to this change. The Town Council agreed. Town Attorney suggested that it would be better to draft a letter of support so long as the Town of Southwest Ranches and every member city was given a vote. The Town Council agreed. She spoke of her positive experience attending the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference. She also wished to clarify her comments concerning the fire assessment methodology made during the Special Meeting. She indicated that she did not intend to include the plaintiff in the lawsuit in the group of barns being granted relief with the fire assessment.

6. Legal Comments

Town Attorney Poliakoff thanked Council Member Hartmann for calling him during the FLC Conference asking who he should speak to while he attended. He suggested that Council Member Hartmann speak to the incoming President and Board about the League's efforts to kill the Town's Legislative Bill to prohibit Pembroke Pines from purchasing land in Town and then trying to de-

annex it. Addressing comments made during public comment he advised that the fire assessment can only be used to pay for fire protection, not rescue service. He also clarified that in order to receive the Agricultural Classification Exemption, a property owner must demonstrate an intent to make a profit.

Town Attorney Poliakoff advised that the Town's Telecommunication Ordinance was rendered invalid due to a recent change in State Law. He wished to advise the Town Council that Town Administrator Berns had authorized Special Counsel to work on this issue. Lastly, he advised that he and Town Administrator Berns had worked on a Town Council decorum policy and asked if the Town Council wished to have this come forward at a future meeting for approval. The Town Council indicated their support for bringing this item forward.

7. Administration Comments

Town Administrator Berns advised that the Town had ordered 30 Crime Watch signs and intended to place them in high profile areas around Town. He also advised that he wished to place on a future Town Council agenda the creation of a Fire Assessment Methodology Committee to assist with the future Fire Assessment Study.

Resolutions

8. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP) FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$105,750.00) FOR A GENERATOR FOR THE SOUTHWEST RANCHES FIRE STATION; APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT IN THE FY 2019-2020 BUDGET AND ALLOCATING THE TOWN REQUIRED MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$35,250.00) AND AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS FOR MAINTENANCE (\$7,000.00); AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Jablonski, seconded by Council Member Schroeder, and passed by a 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Hartmann, Schroeder, Vice Mayor Jablonski, and Mayor McKay voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE

9. A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BROWARD COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SURTAX; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Jablonski, and seconded by Council Member Schroeder, and passed by a 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Hartmann, Schroeder, Vice Mayor Jablonski, and Mayor McKay voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION

10. Approval of Minutes

- a. July 11, 2019
- b. July 25, 2019


The following motion was made by Vice Mayor Jablonski, and seconded by Council Member Schroeder, and passed by a 4-0 roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Council Members Hartmann, Schroeder, Vice Mayor Jablonski, and Mayor McKay voting Yes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

15. Adjournment

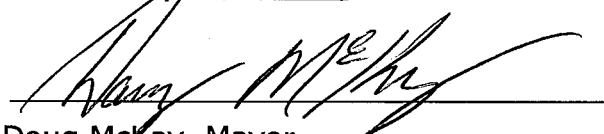
Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Russell Muniz, Town Clerk

Adopted by the Town Council on this 24th day of October, 2019.



Doug McKay, Mayor

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